accountability. To achieve these objectives, Defence procurement procedures are subjected to continuous examination/review through in-house arrangements within Ministry of Defence.

Displacement by the Sea Bird Project

3972. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH : Will the MINISTER of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has sought the enhancement of central funds for rehabilitation and resettlement of persons displaced by the Sea Bird Project in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the amount of enhancement sought; and

(c) the steps, if any, taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of Karnataka have requested for a gross additional fund of Rs. 46.59 crores for rehabilitation of project displaced Families.

(c) The proposal for enhancement of rehabilitation package is under active consideration of the Government.

User trials of Trishul

3973. SHRI VED PRAKASH P. GOYAL : Will the MINISTER of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Navy's new warship INS Brahmaputra is waiting for its main weapon system "Trishul" and it has not been given to the Navy for user trials so far;

(b) if so, the response of Government thereon;

(c) by when the weapon is expected; and

(d) the reasons for the delay ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) to (c) The Naval version of Trishul is undergoing various phases of trials. Sea trials are planned for middle of 2001.

(d) Development of three-beam guidance system for sea environment is the primary cause for taking more time for completion of the development work.

Financing of main Defence Projects by France

3974. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the main projects that are to be financed by France in the field of defence;

(b) whether this financial understanding will boost the Indian defence production; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) There are no projects that are to be financed by France in the field of Defence.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Pak-Sino build up Across the Border

†3975. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :

SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA :

Will the MINISTER of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan and China have increased the mobilisation of their armies across the border;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the incidence of firing from Pakistan at the border has also increased these days; and

(d) if so, the number of Indians killed during one year ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) and (b) There are no reports of increase of force levels along India-China border, Pakistan Army has carried out certain readjustments and reinforcements on the Line of Control. Some reserve formations have also been moved from their permanent locations closer to the Line of Control.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.